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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged in New York. In most other locations, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand was light to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies ranged sufficient to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate to sufficient for regular slaughter schedules.



PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest warehouse delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to fairly good with features moving the most product. Loose egg demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to instances fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand continuing light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	91-93	LARGE	70-77	72
LARGE	87-95	89-92	MEDIUM	54-58	56
MEDIUM	71-77	74-76	SMALL	36-38	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when based on previous week average pricing. The market tone was about steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light to fair demand. Light type hens were about sufficient to sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-109	95-101
LARGE	90-104	97-99
MEDIUM	78-87	78-81

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was light to to fairly good with feature activity providing the best interest. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand continuing light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.5-103	96-99
LARGE	93.5-102	95-98
MEDIUM	77.5-86	79-82

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to usually moderate, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies ranged sufficient to at times fully adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for the light to fair demand. Light type fowl were about adequate to adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-111.25	97-100
LARGE	94-109.25	95-98
MEDIUM	77.5-92.25	78-82

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	104-108
LARGE	102-106
MEDIUM	86-90

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were slightly lower. The market tone was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good, best for features. Food service movement was light, instances moderate. Supplies were adequate.

	MOSTLY	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	93-101	95-97
LARGE	92-100	93-96
MEDIUM	76-86	79-81

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 4-6 cents lower on jumbo, 5-7 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 4-6 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 6% lower than last week with California down 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 4%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

### CALIFORNIA

Prices 6 cents lower on jumbo, 7 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 95. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 179-199, 2 for \$3, 18 pack 299, 2 for \$5.

CALIFORNIA: California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	141
EXTRA LARGE	136
LARGE	127
MEDIUM	115

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	299-399	JUMBO	309-389
EXTRA LARGE	259-349	EXTRA LARGE	249-379
LARGE	239-339	LARGE	239-389
MEDIUM	199-279	MEDIUM	229-299

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 20, 2004 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 13, 2004 were 250,785 cases which was 14 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	210,136	40,649	250,785

% change from the prior week.....

	+13	+20	+14
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.			

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand continuing light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	75-78	75-77
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	63-69	63-65

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for offerings that were generally adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-FEB-04

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	8.5-9	8.75
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-JAN-04

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11.75	8.5-9.25	9.05

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 17, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	16.7	8.6	23.4	10.7
	Change	0.1	-0.2	1.3	7.4	-1.5
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.4	43.5	12.5	22.2	39.1
	Change	2.7	-8.6	0.8	-3.3	-2.1
Large	Curr Wk	42.0	107.2	64.2	112.1	113.8
	Change	5.0	-4.3	-2.2	-5.3	-7.6
Medium	Curr Wk	14.6	33.2	13.3	21.6	29.8
	Change	-3.8	-3.8	-4.4	0.8	-4.0
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	3.3	5.8	6.6	2.2
	Change	0.4	-2.1	2.0	3.7	-2.4
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	19.4	12.3	13.4	4.8
	Change	0.7	-2.1	1.9	0.6	-0.8
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.0	40.6	18.2	18.3	39.4
	Change	6.8	2.8	5.1	-14.5	4.4
Total	Curr Wk	115.0	263.9	134.9	217.6	239.8
Percent	Change	11%	-7%	4%	-5%	-6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	971.2	-3%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	243.6	13%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,214.8	0%	204

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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## CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 02, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	193	190	181	116.2
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 02, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	149	149	139	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								15.50		FUTURE LOADS								6.25		TOTAL LOADS								21.75	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GL W J	89.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	91.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	91.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W XL	—	—	—	87.00	78.27	—	6.00	GL W XL	79.00	83.00	—	—	—	—	—	89.61	5.75	GL W XL	79.00	83.00	—	—	—	—	—	89.61	5.75		
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	75.89	—	5.25	GL W LG	77.00	81.00	—	—	—	—	—	86.33	5.50	GL W LG	77.00	81.00	—	—	—	—	—	86.33	5.50		
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	GL W SM	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	105.00	112.00	.75											GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	105.00	112.00	.75				
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	105.00	112.00	.75											GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	105.00	112.00	.75				

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/09/04-02/13/04

CURRENT LOADS								85.00	FUTURE LOADS								37.25	TOTAL LOADS								122.25
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	75.50	—	76.00	77.40	—	—	5.00	GL W J	—	91.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									
GNR W 2	—	70.00	66.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	81.29	86.27	—	—	—	—	90.22	—	19.25									
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	77.00	81.89	—	—	—	—	86.73	—	15.75									
GL W J	89.00	—	93.67	94.67	—	—	4.00	GL W MD	67.29	—	65.00	—	—	—	71.15	—	4.25									
GL W XL	—	—	89.17	89.64	79.55	84.00	44.50	GL W SM	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00									
GL W LG	—	89.00	80.50	87.50	76.17	—	23.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75									
GL W MD	—	—	67.56	69.51	65.00	70.00	20.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	75.00	—	3.00									
GL W SM	—	—	49.05	50.55	—	—	4.75																			
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	105.00	112.00	.75																			
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	105.00	112.00	2.25																			
NRBS - 50	—	—	75.00	78.00	—	—	.25																			
NRBS - 48	—	75.00	76.00	77.00	75.25	76.98	45.00																			

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/09/04	02/02/04	02/10/03
PACIFIC COAST	112	114	381
LOS ANGELES	39	39	338

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

UNAVAILABLE

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. The supply is adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	113.63
LARGE	111.63
MEDIUM	95.63
SMALL	73.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	210 – 250	222 – 240
1/2 doz.	123 – 151	125 – 134
Large doz.	200 – 260	217 – 225
1/2 doz.	120 – 142	128 – 132

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 02/11/2004

Report Period: 02/01/2004 - 02/07/2004

State	Number Cases Shipped to Northern California	Number Cases Shipped to Central California	Number Cases shipped to Southern California	Total State
Arizona	810	0	6,965	7,775
Colorado	522	0	3,840	4,362
Iowa	7,250	6,980	50,138	64,368
Michigan	0	0	6,258	6,258
Minnesota	3,220	4,050	8,043	15,313
Missouri	0	0	2,770	2,770
Nevada	0	0	820	820
Ohio	0	1,570	750	2,320
Oregon	2,842	10	0	2,852
Texas	0	770	1,700	2,470
Utah	438	540	7,906	8,884
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,082</b>	<b>13,920</b>	<b>89,190</b>	<b>118,192</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>15,082</b>	<b>13,920</b>	<b>89,190</b>	<b>118,19</b>